

**SUPREME COURT MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

S194107 G042923 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3 **PEOPLE v. COTTONE (LEE VINCENT)**

Extension of time granted

On application of appellant and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the answer brief on the merits is extended to December 19, 2011.

S197767 B225058 Second Appellate District, Div. 5 **HILLSIDE MEMORIAL PARK v GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)**

Order filed

Upon application and good cause appearing, it is ordered that appellant may serve and file one consolidated answer to both petitions for review.

S198004 **BAR ADMISSION 2011 (JULY 2011)**

General Bar admission order filed

The written motion #1,004 of the Committee of Bar Examiners that the following named applicants, who have fulfilled the requirements for admission to practice law in the State of California, be admitted as attorneys at law in all courts of the State of California upon their taking the prescribed oath before a competent officer on or after November 23, 2011, and within the time limits specified by Title 4, Division 1 of the Rules of the State Bar of California, is hereby granted:

(SEE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR THE LIST OF NAMES ATTACHED.)

S196279 **BENTSON ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that JAMES THOMAS BENTSON, State Bar Number 140800, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for one year subject to the following conditions:

1. JAMES THOMAS BENTSON is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the

first 60 days of probation, and he will remain suspended until the following requirements are satisfied:

- i. He must take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b));
 - ii. He must provide to the State Bar's Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the State Bar's Ethics School and passage of the test given at the end of that session;
 - iii. If he remains suspended for two years or more as a result of not satisfying the preceding conditions, he must also provide proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice and learning and ability in the general law before his suspension will be terminated. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.4(c)(ii)); and
 - iv. If he remains suspended for 90 days or more, he must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 120 and 130 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.
2. JAMES THOMAS BENTSON must also comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on July 20, 2011; and
 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if JAMES THOMAS BENTSON has complied with all conditions of probation, the one-year period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

Costs are awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10 and are enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment. One-third of the costs must be paid with his membership fees for each of the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. If JAMES THOMAS BENTSON fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

